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Via Overnight Mail

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



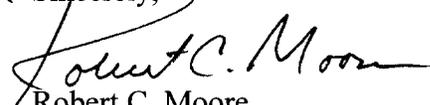
Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34742
Murray-Calloway Economic Development Corporation
-Acquisition Exemption- Hardin Southern Railroad

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please find enclosed one original and eleven (11) copies of the Notice of Exemption filed on behalf of the Murray-Calloway Economic Development. I have forwarded this letter for Monday delivery so that it can be filed on Monday, August 8, 2005. I have also enclosed the filing fee in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). I would appreciate it if you would stamp the extra copy as filed and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, pre-stamped envelope.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER: Please note the Murray Calloway Economic Development Corporation is requesting that the filing fee in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) be waived as it is a non-profit quasi-governmental entity formed for the purpose of economic development in the City of Murray and Calloway County, Kentucky.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this Notice of Exemption.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Moore

cc: Warren Hopkins
RCM/edl

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STB FINANCE DOCKET NO. 34742

MURRAY-CALLOWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
- ACQUISITION EXEMPTION -
HARDIN SOUTHERN RAILROAD

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

This Notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.31 by Murray-Calloway Economic Development Corporation (EDC), a non-carrier, that seeks authority to acquire (but not operate) the line or railroad between milepost 38.34, near Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, extending through to milepost 30, near Hardin, Marshall County, Kentucky, a total distance of 8.34 miles, to the extent required.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34741, KWT Railway, Inc. - Lease and Operate - Murray-Calloway Economic Development Corporation, wherein KWT Railway, Inc. will seek authority to perform common carrier service over the portion of the rail line between milepost 38.34 and approximately milepost 37.34.

In accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR 1150.33, the EDC provides the following information:

The EDC is a non-profit corporation, with its address being Post Office Box 1911, Murray, Kentucky 42071. The applicant's authorized agent and Chairman is Ronnie Gibson. The applicant's representative is Mark Manning. All correspondence should be sent to the attention of Mr. Manning at Post Office Box 1911, Murray, Kentucky 42071. Mr. Manning's telephone number is (270) 762-3789.

An Agreement has been reached between the EDC and Hardin Southern Railroad, Inc. to purchase the line of railroad between milepost 38.34, near Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, extending through to milepost 30, near Hardin, Marshall County, Kentucky, a total distance of 8.34 miles. Both counties of reference being situated in Western Kentucky. A map of the line is attached hereto.

The current operator of the rail service is known as the Hardin Southern Railroad, Inc. ("HSR"), by and through its authorized agent, Burneda Koenig, having a mailing address of Post Office Box 648, Murray, Kentucky 42071.

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The EDC never intends to operate the rail line, or to hold itself out to provide common carrier service. The EDC is acquiring the rail line in order to provide service to its industrial park located at approximately milepost 37.7 in Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, giving those businesses located in the industrial park access to receive and ship goods and commerce by rail. The EDC only intends that service will be provided over this one mile segment. (To the extent the rest of the line is considered a "line of railroad" the EDC intends to embargo or discontinue service over the rest of the line.)

The EDC intends to lease the portion of the line between milepost 38.34 and approximately milepost 37.34 to KWT Railway, Inc., the carrier that operates the adjacent line, to provide the service to the industrial park.

The proposed time frame for purchasing this rail line is on or before the 15th day of August, 2005 (but more than seven days after the filing of this notice). Service will not commence until after the line of railroad to the industrial park is rehabilitated and the lease with KWT Railway, Inc. has been finalized.

No environmental or historic report should be required because this acquisition is for continued operations that will not exceed the Board's thresholds.

It is projected that the revenues to be received by the EDC does not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III Carrier.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10901(e), approval of this transaction may not be subjected to labor protection conditions.

A caption summary is attached.

VERIFICATION

Mark Manning, Authorized Agent for Murray-Calloway Economic Development Corporation, verifies under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file the foregoing Notice.

Executed on _____.

Mark Manning



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Comments must be filed with the Board and served on the EDC's representative, Mark Manning, Post Office Box 1911, Murray, Kentucky 42071, telephone number (270) 762-3789.

